

DECLARATION

I, Yoshiaki Nanko, declare that I am a citizen of Japan, residing at 4-317 Fukaishimizu-cho, 2090-cho, Sakai-city, Osaka 599-8273 Japan, that I have read, reviewed and understand the contents of the foregoing specification and claims and I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled

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described and claimed in the foregoing specification, which was filed on November 26, 2001 and assigned Serial No. 09/991,880; and that I have reviewed and understand the content of the foregoing specification, including the claims; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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(Country)

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(Date Filed)

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Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any U.S. application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Sir:

Shimano Inc. is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application (see Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) submitted herewith), and hereby appoints as patent attorneys and/or patent agents:

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Sir:

Shimano Inc., a Japanese corporation, hereby certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified application by virtue of the chain of title from the inventor of the above-identified application to the current assignee as shown by the attached assignments which are being currently recorded herewith in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Chain of Title shown by the attached documents:

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The undersigned has reviewed the attached documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above. The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of assignee.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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